

# REPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

## UNITED STATES SENATE

SUBJECT: Ambassadorial Nomination: Certificate of  
Demonstrated Competence -- Foreign Service  
Act, Section 304(a)(4)

POST: Republic of Djibouti

CANDIDATE: Thomas P. Kelly III

Thomas Patrick Kelly III, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, currently serves as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs. An outstanding leader and manager and a Salzman Award-winning Economic Officer, he has spent most of his career serving in developing countries, including executive-level positions at key U.S. diplomatic posts. Exceptionally active and adept at public diplomacy and languages, Mr. Kelly will bring essential skills to the task of furthering bilateral relations with the Government of Djibouti, an important and strategic U.S. partner in the Horn of Africa.

Previously, Mr. Kelly served the Department of State as Consul General/Principal Officer, Consulate General Sao Paulo, Brazil (07/2010-08/2011), Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy Buenos Aires, Argentina (08/2007-07/2010), Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy Vilnius, Lithuania (06/2004-08/2007), Economic Counselor, Embassy Quito, Ecuador (10/2003-06/2004), Economic Officer, Embassy Quito, Ecuador (07/2000-10/2003), Director for Japan Policy Planning, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, Washington, D.C. (08/1998-07/2000), Trade Attaché, U.S. Mission to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Paris, France (07/1994-08/1998), Economic Officer, Embassy Santiago, Chile (07/1990-08/1993), Staff Assistant/Financial Economist, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs (01/1988-07/1990), and Commercial Attaché/Vice Consul, Embassy San Salvador, El Salvador (12/1985-12/1987).

Mr. Kelly earned a B.S.F.S. in Comparative and Regional Studies and a M.A. in Latin American Studies at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. in 1984, and a M.A. in International Development Policy from Stanford University Food Research Institute, Stanford, California in 1994. He is the recipient of the Department of State Herbert Salzman Award for Excellence in International Economic Performance in 2003 as well as four Senior Foreign Service Performance Awards, four Superior Honor Awards and two Meritorious Honor Awards. He speaks Spanish, Portuguese, French and Lithuanian.